

Mr. K. M. Mammen Mappila (Member, T. I. C., Thiruvalla) rose in objection and pointed out that the three *pakuthies* in question formed the eastern group of the Thiruvalla taluk and that, strictly speaking, the Member from the Chengannur taluk had no *locus standi* to bring up the representation without the permission of the ryots of the Thiruvalla taluk. The transfer should rightly have been proposed by the Members for the Thiruvalla taluk. Further, he said that the area of the Chengannur taluk was 925 sq. miles, against 172 sq. miles, which was the area of the Thiruvalla taluk. If the three *pakuthies* be transferred to the Chengannur taluk, it would unnecessarily swell the work of the Tahsildar of that taluk. The advantages mentioned on the grounds of proximity and conveniences were also not real. He therefore urged that it was neither necessary nor desirable to disturb the jurisdiction in any way.

Mr. P. Narayana Pillai, by way of answering the objection, said that, out of 925 sq. miles of the Chengannur taluk, 717 sq. miles were hills unsurveyed and 50 sq. miles had been proposed for reservation. If those areas be excluded, it gave a balance of only 158 sq. miles. Adding the area of the three *pakuthies*, viz., 31 sq. miles, it would give an area of only 189 square miles, which was nearly equal to the present area of the Thiruvalla taluk. In point of land revenue and population, the Chengannur taluk would be seen to be much smaller than the Thiruvalla taluk. He added that the reason why he brought up the subject was that the people who were prejudicially affected by the existing arrangement were living in his taluk. He therefore urged that the matter might receive kind consideration at the hands of the Government.

Deewan's reply.—The present arrangement will not be changed.

13. The desirability of transferring the head-quarters of the Devicolam Division from Devicolam to Peermade.

Mr. R. Krishna Panikkar (Member, Peermade taluk) stated that, though the question was brought forward in the last session of the Assembly, nothing was done by the Government. He said that the present head-quarters of the division was located at Devicolam, about 20 miles from the northern frontier of the division, and about 100 miles from certain parts under its jurisdiction, though Peermade was centrally situated. The route to Devicolam, besides being irregular and ill-defined, was infested with wild beasts, and it afforded all possible danger to poor travellers. The population of Devicolam had no vested interests and consequently no necessity to resort to the division head-quarters. Devicolam did not also afford easy temporary lodging to parties going there in connection with revenue cases. At present, the people spent a lot of time and money unnecessarily to attend the division head-quarters on business. The Member therefore requested that the transfer of the head-quarters of the division to Peermade be ordered as early as possible.

As for the Planters, the Member added that their needs could be satisfied by posting at Devicolam the Assistant Superintendent and First Class Magistrate, Peermade, and by the appointment of a graduate-in-law as the Tahsildar of the

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Devicolam taluk with the powers of a Munsiff. If the Government did not consider the permanent shifting of the head quarters practicable, he proposed, as an alternative, that the Devicolam Superintendent might be ordered to hold his office at Peermade for six months in the year or that the Assistant Superintendent might be empowered to attend to the ordinary revenue functions of the Peishkar, in accepting petitions issuing records &c., leaving for the decision of the Superintendent only very important questions. He, however, laid stress on the fact that the alternative proposals would not afford any appreciable relief, as the records of the taluk would be at Devicolam and could not possibly be taken to Peermade in camp and hence the parties would have to go to Devicolam all the same. The best arrangement would therefore be to transfer the head-quarters to Peermade.

On the Dewan asking Mr. Vernede what he had to say about the proposal to shift his head-quarters for 6 months in the year to Peermade, he said that personally he had no objection.

Dewan's reply.—Mr. Vernede will be asked to report officially on the whole question.

14. The necessity for registering Sirkar waste lands in the names of the Pulayas for their occupation.

Mr. Aiyaz Kali (Member, Nominated) first expressed on behalf of his community, their feelings of gratitude to the Government for nominating him as a Member and also for the manifold blessings his community had recently shared with the other communities of the State in the matter of social liberties, education &c., and he prayed for the continuance of the same policy in the future. He then thanked the Government for the consideration shown to the representation on the subject made by him at the last session of the Assembly, by granting 500 acres of waste lands in the Vilapp *pakuthi* in the Neyyattinkara taluk as house-sites for the Pulayas, free of acreage value.

In the *pakuthies* of Pallipuram and Kazhakuttam, he said that over a thousand Pulayas were now houseless. Son of them had submitted applications to the Revenue Department for the registry, in their names, of the available waste land. He prayed that orders might be kindly issued to the authorities concerned to expedite the registration proceedings and assign the lands to them and thereby redress the grievances of the community in that part of the State.

He also made a general request that the Government might be pleased to make provision for allowing similar land to the community in the different parts of the State for the residence.

In conclusion the Member regretted that the interests of the Pulaya community in the Kottayam Division were not represented in the Assembly and he requested that one from the community in that division might also be nominated as Member from next year.

Mr. C. Charadan Solomon (Member, Nominated) thanked the Government for nominating him to represent the Pulayas of the Quilon Division and said that hardly five